2. An intensive campaign for public awareness and control of pollution from vehicles has been launched by Delhi Administration and free checking facilities have been provided in a number of petrol pump stations for checking exhausted from vehicles.

3. Union Territory of Delhi has been declared as Air Pollution Control Area.

4. Effluent and emission standards for 24 polluting industries have been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the industries have been directed to comply with the standards on a time-bound basis.

5. Regular air and water quality monitoring in different areas of Union Territory of Delhi is carried out.

6. Installation of Electrostatic Precipitators in the Indra Prastha Thermal Power Plant is completed. Installation of Electrostatic Precipitators in Badarpur is in progress.

7. Several schemes for augmentation of the existing sewage treatment plants and pumping stations and laying of branch sewers for diversion of waste-water away from river Yamuna have been taken up.

8. Out of the 17 major drains falling into the river Yamuna, 7 drains have been totally intercepted; sullage from 3 drains have been substanitally trapped at source and oxidation of the treatment has been provided for discharge from 3 drains.

9. Legal action is taken against the polluting industries.

10. The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 has been enacted and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 has been amended to provide deterrent penalties including closure of polluting units.

Payment of D.A. to Central Government Employees

835. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that another instalment of Dearness Allowance has become due to Central Government employees with effect from 1st July, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and by when this D.A. instalment is likely to be released to the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) As per the revised Dearness Allowance formula based on the recommendations of the Fourth Pay Commission, Compensation for price rise has to be paid twice a year on the basis of percentage increase in whole numbers in the twelve monthly average of the All India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Industrial Workers (General) (Base 1960=100) for the periods ending June and December each year over the index average of 608 w.e.f. 1st July and 1st January respectively with the salary for September and March respectively. Employees drawing basic pay upto Rs. 3500 are to be allowed 100 per cent neutralisation and those drawing basic pay between Rs. 3501 and 6000, 75 per cent and those drawing basic pay above Rs. 6000, 65 per cent. The Dearness Allowance payable w.e.f. 1-7-88 can be considered only when the Consumer Price Index Numbers in respect of June, 1988 are available.